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REUTER'S TELEGRAMS.

JAPANESE AND SIBERIAN MENACE.

The Government Silent.

London, March 1.
Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo writing on February 26 says that attention is being concentrated on the necessity for safeguarding peace in the Far East against the intrusion of German influence in Siberia. Apprehension is felt in some quarters at the possible activities of German submarines and aeroplanes shortly operating at Vladivostok. There is a consensus of opinion on the necessity of Japan taking immediate steps to check the German menace. It is generally felt that purposeful measures must at first be promptly taken to prevent Russian railways to the Far East falling into German hands. It is reported that 200,000 Austro-German prisoners in Siberia have been liberated and supplied with arms. This alone is regarded as a serious menace. The Government is silent, but there is reason to believe that preparations are being completed to enable the nation to arise to the occasion whenever action is necessary.

Maximalists and Austro-German Prisoners.

London, March 1.
Reuter's correspondent at Tokyo states there are reliable reports that the Maximalists are supplying arms to Austro-German prisoners in Siberia.

THE GLENARK CASTLE.

Germans Broken Pledge.

London, March 1.
The Admiralty announce that the sworn statements of two of the survivors of the Glenark Castle confirm that the vessel was sunk by a submarine which was sighted ten minutes before the ship was struck. The ship was in a free area and was therefore sunk despite the German pledge. The total missing is 153 including eight nurses.

RUSSIAN AFFAIRS.

The Defence of Petrograd.

London, March 1.
A Russian wireless official proclamation issued by the presidency of the Central Soviets and the Committee of the Defence of Petrograd declares that the proletariat is organising the defence of the capital which will have to resist a long siege, but it will not capitulate until the last moment. It urges all corn producing provinces to send food to Petrograd and Moscow and also troops to be sent to the front without delay.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

Noted Regiments' Advance.

London, March 1.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reports:—English troops successfully raided near Gonnellein inflicting considerable casualties and taking prisoners. Dorsets, Manchester's, Lancashires and Scots in last night's raid south of Houthulst Forest penetrated to a depth of 1,200 yards taking prisoners and inflicting a large number of casualties. There is hostile artillery fighting at St. Quentin, Armentieres and Zonnebeke.

Belgians Successful Work.

London, March 1.
A Belgian communique states:—Following a violent bombardment an enemy coupe de main north of Dixmude failed. A number of rafts were employed, but destroyed as was also a pontoon bridge which he was building across the Yeer. The heavy artillery in the region of Nieport, Perveye and Dixmude continues.

British Air Raids.

London, March 1.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig reporting on aviation says:—We bombed a railway station east of Lille and other targets. We brought down one enemy machine. All our machines returned.

RUMANIA AND PEACE.

London, March 1.
According to Reuter's correspondent at Jassy wiring on February 26 an official message says that in view of the reality of facts and the situation created on the Eastern front, the Rumanian Government has decided to begin peace negotiations, but will only embark on this course if assured that the negotiations will be conducted on a basis acceptable in every respect. Reports of the acceptance of peace at any price are baseless.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS.

London, March 1.
The Press Bureau announces that Mr. Lloyd George, accompanied by Mr. George Barnes, Sir Auckland Geddes and Mr. G. H. Roberts has received the Delegates of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

THE MESOPOTAMIAN FRONT.

London, February 28.
A Mesopotamia official message says: Our patrols contacted with the Turks near Hit and some prisoners were taken.

THE ITALIAN FRONT.

London, February 28.
An Italian official message says a strong patrol northward of Coldelrosso captured two enemy eleven-inch trench mortars. Our aviators dropped six tons of bombs on several military objectives.

FAMINE IN TRIESTE.

Rome, February 28.
Absolutely dependable reports show a terrible state of famine prevails in Trieste.

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

GERMAN RAIDERS' VICTIMS.

Copenhagen, February 28.
Reuter's Copenhagen correspondent has had an interview with passengers of the Igotzendi. Mr. Rees, mate of the Wiruna, said the Wiruna sailed on a voyage from Auckland to San Francisco and was stopped on 31st March by an aeroplane south of Kermadec islands, behind which the Wolf was lying. The Wiruna's crew of forty-two were brought to the Wolf, which continued her cruise and sank nine ships. Having discovered that two officers of the Wiruna had escaped at night when anchored near an island the officers of the Wolf ordered the whole of the 160 prisoners to be imprisoned for twenty-eight days in the hold and other available rooms. The prisoners throughout were allowed on deck for only one hour daily and suffered tremendously in the tropical heat. Colonel Strangmann and Major Blood of the Australian Army Medicals were captured south of New Guinea on 24th August aboard the Matunga bound from Sydney to London. The Matunga was blown up on 27th August.

In interviews Mrs. Slood and Miss Mackenzie complain of ungentlemanly treatment by the Germans. When put aboard the Igotzendi on 14th November all were temporarily imprisoned, and guarded most closely and fed a little badly. The prisoners were most resentful of the conduct of the German prize crew. After the Igotzendi stranded they were all confined. Mr. Rees, Professor Proyers of Bangkok and Mr. Benson a mining engineer from Sydney say that the Germans told them a Danish gunboat had been summoned to take off the Igotzendi which would be able to reach Kiel next morning, the Germans having evidently misinformed the Danish authorities regarding the ship and its destination.

A telegram from Skaw says the German crew and Spanish officers of the Igotzendi have landed. Danish soldiers received the Germans and took them to Skagen where they were interned. The Spanish flag was hoisted on the Igotzendi.

After discussion between the Danish, German and Spanish authorities the Igotzendi has been declared Spanish. Her captain has taken possession of the ship and contracted with a salvage company to attempt to refloat her.

RUSSO-GERMAN PEACE QUESTION.

London, February 28.
A wireless German official message says: The Fourth Estonian Regiment has placed itself under our command to clear the country of marauding bands. We captured two thousand machine guns and fifty thousand rifles at Minsk. A Berlin message to Amsterdam, dated the 28th, reports that the Russian delegation has arrived at Brest-Litovsk.

A wireless Russian official message says: M. Zatonsky, President of the peace delegation of the People's Republic of Ukraine, has sent a message to the Central Powers and the President of the Russian peace delegation at Brest-Litovsk asking them to facilitate the journey of the delegation from Kiev to Brest-Litovsk to sign the peace concluded with the former and the Kiev Rada.

THE GLENARK CASTLE OUTRAGE.

London, February 28.
The hospital ship Glenark Castle was torpedoed within the area which Germany declared a free zone, constituting, apart from the outrage itself, a further breach of the German pledge not to sink a hospital ship outside certain clearly defined limits.

There is no trace of the missing people from the Glenark Castle and it is feared they have perished.

THE NEW FRANCHISE.

London, February 28.
The papers interpret a statement by Mr. W. Hayes Fisher in the House of Commons last night that the first Register under the Franchise Act would come into force on the 1st October as indicating that an election is impossible before then.

GERMAN PEACE DEMANDS.

Amsterdam, February 28.
In the Reichstag Herr Scheidemann rebuked the Kaiser for saying that the victory of German arms must first be recognised (cabled on the 11th). He recalled previous recommendations from all parties, including Conservatives, for "somewhat more reserve in that quarter" and declared that the great mass of Socialists energetically repudiated the Kaiser's views.

Herr Erzberger said that if Germany had ever deviated from last year's Reichstag peace resolution it was only as a temporary political measure.

Herr Stresemann declared that the fruits of the German advance in Russia showed what was the best method to get peace. Not negotiation, nor Reichstag resolutions, nor Papal Notes but the unbroken advance of the German forces brought peace. (Cheers). He urged that Belgium must be held as a pawn against the refusal of Britain to give up the German colonies and he recommended that not the slightest consideration should be shown to Rumania, from whom a heavy indemnity must be exacted with an army of occupation until it is paid. (Cheers).

SOUTH AFRICA AND THE EMPIRE.

Capetown, February 28.
The Assembly has adopted General Botha's motion by 78 to 22 votes granting General Smuts leave of absence. The minority consisted of Nationalists. The Premier defended General Smuts against criticisms of acquiescing in decisions on minor war questions affecting South Africa. The Premier emphatically declared that South Africa as an integral part of the British Empire had to do things which ordinarily might not be dreamt of. He challenged the Nationalists to say they were not a part of the British Empire. They must either do their duty or establish a republic. He intended to stand by the Empire because he realised that South Africa's future prosperity depended thereon. (Loud cheers).

EARLIER TELEGRAMS.

JAPAN'S WAR PREPARATIONS.

Industrial Mobilisation.

Tokyo, March 1.
The Government is considering a scheme of industrial mobilization for submission to the Diet. The Japanese Ambassador has postponed his departure from Petrograd as it is believed the Russian Government has made a new proposal.

Action in Siberia Foreshadowed.

Washington, February 28.
The Associated Press says: Japan is inquiring of America and the Entente as regards a proposal to institute joint military operations in Siberia in order to save the vast supplies at Vladivostok and along the Siberian railroad. Pourparlers are progressing to decide whether Japan should proceed single-handed or there should be joint action.

The "Daily Mail" Tientsin correspondent says: There are strong reasons for expecting an early Japanese move owing to the increasing menace of the Austro-German war prisoners in Siberia. An international force is patrolling Vladivostok owing to the increase of lawlessness.

Paris newspapers interpret the departure of the Japanese Ambassador from Petrograd as foreshadowing definite Japanese action.

AMERICAN ENGINEERING AND SUBMARINES.

Washington, February 28.
Allied and neutral correspondents have visited engineering works and shipyards where they saw destroyers, equipped with all kinds of new devices, being turned out faster than Germany is able to build submarines. They also saw hundred-ton submarine chasers not even built as ships, but manufactured alongside the railway and lowered into the water by a travelling crane. The great construction of warships is not interfering with the building of merchantmen which are well ahead of the programme. Shipbuilding has been revolutionized by the application of standardisation of ships. In one yard they are built in a row like steel houses. The time taken up in the construction of a destroyer is only twenty-two weeks. When the last American destroyer now building reaches European waters, Great Britain and the United States combined will have ten destroyers against every working U-boat. There will also be a large addition of chasers and patrol boats and new and strange dangers will beset the U-boats from the sky and under water. The greatest progress has been made with new aerial and electrical devices for detecting submarines.

SPANISH CABINET RESIGNS.

Madrid, February 28.
The Cabinet has resigned.

THE LATE GENERAL MAUDE'S SERVICES.

London, February 28.
In the House of Commons the Speaker read a message from His Majesty paying a tribute to the late General Sir Stanley Maude's services in Mesopotamia and recommending the House of Commons as a recognition thereof to grant Lady Maude £25,000. (Loud applause). The vote will be moved on Monday.

THE WESTERN FRONT.

London, February 28.
Field Marshal Sir Douglas Haig says: We successfully raided trenches on Greenland Hill, northward of the Scarpe River, and positions on the southern portion of Houthulst Forest. We prisoners twenty-four and captured four machine guns.

Reuter's correspondent at British Headquarters says that a certain German General who has been emulating the British raids has been relieved of command of his division on the ground of sending out too many patrols and losing too many men.

SOCIALISTS' WAR AIMS.

London, February 28.
The Swedish Socialist, M. Branting, is arranging for the distribution of the Entente Socialists' War Aims Memorandum to enemy Socialists.

OPIMUM SMUGGLING IN MANILA.

Chinese Horns Filled.

Details of one of the most novel and clever attempts to smuggle "dope" into the Philippines, that from the entire company, who by has ever come before the police of the local Customs authorities, were revealed following the arrest of Pi Tai An, manager of the Chinese theatrical company which arrived there recently for the purpose of "showing" at the Carnival.

It came through the fondness of a certain customs officer for Chinese music. It happened like this:—

The Customsman, after passing on all of the baggage of the performers, picked up one of the horns that lay in the pile of musical instruments on the dock,

handed it to a member of the company and said "You play em." "No can do; no can play em," said the actor, making a wild clutch for the instrument.

"Alright," said the Customs man. "No hard feelings. You play em this piece one." "No, no, no. No can play em this piece one," came in an excited chorus from the entire company, who by this time had gathered around the official and were reaching out eagerly for the horn.

Their anxiety to get the horn out of his clutches aroused the suspicions of the Customs man, and made a thorough examination of the instruments and theatrical "props" of the company.

They were taken apart with the result that when the men finally finished, they had been rewarded of 385 grams of opium all of which had been cunningly concealed in the horn, banjos, guitars and other instruments of the company.

TREATMENT OF SERVICE MEN.

Mr. Hogge on a General Election Programme.

The inaugural dinner of the City and Westminster branch of the National Federation of Discharged and Demobilized Sailors and Soldiers was held recently at the Crown and Cushion Restaurant, London-wall, E. O. Mr. H. Polack (chairman of the branch) presided.

Mr. J. M. Hogge, M.P. (president of the Federation), responding to the toast of "Our Guests" said he did not see how any man could be a pacifist at the present. He was in favour of going on with the war until the German people felt something of the horror that other people had experienced in the devastated areas of France and Belgium. He had one try, who had gained the Military Cross and had been wounded, and it was not likely that his father was going to be a pacifist. (Cheers).

Before the Federation was formed he, with Mr. Pringle, fought the Review of Exemptions Bill in the House of Commons, with the result that every man who had been overseas had a right on final discharge from the Army to the silver badge. He had no objection to the Comrades of the Great War forming an organization, so long as they did not interfere with the National Federation, but Comrades of the War was promoted by members of Parliament who voted in favour of the Review of Exemptions Act. Every man who had been at the front, said Mr. Hogge, had come back with views different from those which he held before he went out, and soldiers and sailors' programme would be the test at the next general election. At present, the provision for widows was scandalous; it was less than the State was giving to the husband when he was alive. It was less per day than two imperial pints of ale. (Laughter). The treatment that men received on their return was a positive scandal. There were hundreds and thousands of men suffering from tuberculosis who could not get treatment of any kind. The was the kind of thing the Federation wanted to alter. He did not want either power or position from being president of the league. He had already refused office in the present Government, and he would not take office so long as this Government was in power.

The toast of "Our Policy" was proposed by Supper S. Kelly, who was introduced by the chairman as "the famous water diviner who saved thousands of lives at Gallipoli by discovering springs in that region."

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TO-MORROW.

Victoria Theatre—9.15 p.m.
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New Hongkong Cinema—9.15 p.m.

The New Debut.

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GENERAL NEWS.

Food Kitchens for Poor.
There are in Peking seven public establishments where the poor classes in the winter may get their daily meals free. At each of the places about five piculs of rice are made into congee every morning feeding over three thousand of the hungry inhabitants each day.

Russian's Altered Passport.
At Bow-street Police Court recently Lewis Gilbert, aged 42, a tailor's machinist, of Russian nationality, living in Commercial-road, E., was sentenced by Mr. Graham Campbell to two months imprisonment with hard labour for having in his possession an altered passport. Mr. Gilbert, who prosecuted, said that many of these cases were coming to light in which Russians for the purpose of evading military service, were producing passports which had been tampered with.

Taxicab Driver Sent to Prison.
At Bow-street Police Court, before Mr. Graham Campbell, William Parry, aged 47, a licensed driver, was sentenced to one month's imprisonment with hard labour for being drunk while following his employment. It was stated that the defendant drove a taxicab recklessly up Northumberland-avenue about 1 o'clock in the morning, and at Charing-cross passed over two of the refugees in the roadway. As he failed to stop when ordered to do so by a constable, the latter jumped on to the cab. The defendant refused to pull up, until he had reached Lambeth Bridge. He was very drunk and was taken into custody. Near his seat on the cab was a bottle of sloe gin and in his pocket a bottle of rum.

Flour Hoarded in a Bedroom.
At Old-street Police Court, recently a Russian Jew named Harri Silverblatt, baker, Old-street, Spitalfields, was ordered to pay a fine of £20 and two guineas costs for selling to Eliokman Barnett flour when he had reasonable ground to believe that the quantity likely to be required by Barnett might be exceeded by such sale. Mrs. Norman Nathaniel-dwellings, Flower and Dean Street, was fined £5 for hoarding flour. It was stated that a food inspector found 220lb. of flour in a sack in Mrs. Norman's bedroom. She said that she had bought the flour from Barnett. Barnett was employed by Silverblatt, to whom he took the money which passed between Mrs. Norman and himself.

German Activities in Peking.
The agitation among foreigners in favour of having Germans interned or deported is likely to be strengthened by the story which I have just heard. A local German and his wife received permission from the authorities to visit Tientsin but when they returned the party numbered three. Their ordinary baggage was taken out by the main entrance but a large box which they had was carried out by the Water Gate. A policeman wished to have it examined, but he was beaten off and the Germans rushed into the Legation Quarter, where of course the policeman could not follow them. However, he reported the matter to the authorities, and the residence of the Germans was searched but by that time no traces of the box or its contents was found. The presumption is that it contained opium.—P. and T. Times.

New Year Greeting to "Specials."
Sir Edward Ward, assistant officer of the Metropolitan Special Constabulary, issued the following New Year greeting:—"On the first day of the year 1918, I take the opportunity of heartily conveying to all ranks of the Metropolitan Special Constabulary my thanks for their loyalty and self-sacrifice. In the past year you have been called upon to fulfil work increasingly difficult and important, but the steadfast manner in which the arduous duties have been carried out, and the zeal and promptitude with which emergencies have been dealt with, have given proof of the efficiency of the Force, and are deserving of the highest praise. Confident that the future of the year 1918 will be a happy and successful one, I am, Sir, your obedient servant, Sir Edward Ward."

GENERAL NEWS.

No Money From Russia.
Russian churches in Japan no longer receive money from Russia, as the result of the recent decree issued by the Bolshevik Government regarding the separation of religion from the state. The board of trustees of the church in Japan have met in conference several times and decided that the missions in Japan are to be independent from the Russian Church.

Australian Jam.
Advices have been received that the Minister of Trade and Customs for Australia has completed a contract for the sale of 50,000,000 pounds of surplus Australian jam to the Imperial Government. Of this amount, 12,000,000 pounds will be shipped to Great Britain and 38,000,000 pounds to the United States. Australia's surplus of the coming season's fruits involves approximately five and a half million dollars. The transaction is being financed by the British Government.

Teachers and the Labour Party.
At the meeting of the Council of the Association of Masters in Secondary Schools, held recently at the London Day Training College, a motion was considered recommending the affiliation of the association to the Labour Party, subject to a referendum of secondary teachers throughout the country. It is stated that the teachers have been greatly impressed by the strong support that has been given by the Labour Party to the Education Bill. The National Union of Teachers is promoting a referendum on affiliation with the Labour Party.

Bakers Heavily Fined.
Before the Hove magistrates recently two firms of bakers (Clarks Bread Company (Limited) and Gignis (Limited), were summoned for selling flour by retail at a price exceeding the maximum. There were six summonses in the case of Clarks and two in that of Gignis. In Clarks's case fines and costs amounting to £170 were imposed, and in Gignis's case £100. Stay of execution was granted with a view to appeal in each case. No reflection was passed upon the directors, the infringements being made by servants who either misunderstood, or were careless, in carrying out the strict instructions given them by their employers.

Fatal Ice Accidents.
Six lads and a girl were immersed owing to the breaking of ice at Thorpe Lea pond, Egham, and two were drowned. At the inquest held recently at Egham on the bodies of Cyril Arthur Felling, 10, and Alfred Ernest Collins, 5, of Thorpe Lea, Police-constable Austin said that while he was sitting in his house opposite the pond he heard screams. He and his son Harry plunged into the water and, assisted by a soldier and two other men, who also dived into the pond, they rescued four of the boys. Artificial respiration was practised in one case for half an hour before the child recovered. A girl of 10 clung to the ice, and was rescued by means of a rope and a ladder after Austin and others had attempted to reach her by swimming. The jury returned a verdict of "Accidentally drowned."

Pierrots from the Firing Line.
The Pierrots of the 25th Division, just home from France, with their orchestra, gave the first of a series of afternoon concerts at the Wigmore Hall recently, and attracted a very large audience. If the remaining concerts reach this standard the reputation of these Pierrots will grow still further. Their talent is of a high order, the items included concerted numbers, songs, duets, duologues, dancing, and mimicry by various members of the company. Apart from the excellence of the performance, the Pierrots deserve generous support, because all their work is for charity. Since the company was formed a year ago they have contributed over £1,000 to French and Belgian charities, and more than £2,000 towards comforts for men in their Division, including the wounded. In France the troupe gives open-air entertainments to troops just back from the firing line.

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To appreciate to the full Kipling's well-known poem, "Boots" one must have marched in a column in fighting kit. The French poet Beranger once said that if any man despaired of being a poet, let him carry his pack in the ranks. The poetry of it is apt to wear off with the kick of the heel. Everybody knows the feeling of elation that comes at the commencement of a long march, the pride of physical fitness, the well balanced pack, the comfortably adjusted puttees, and the rhythm of the band that pulsates into one's feet. Self-consciously one goes through villages and towns, chest out, chin in. At the beginning of the war every town and every village loved to turn out and watch the troops swinging by, and hearken the weariness with a cheer, or some jest. One clung, in those days, to some precious remnants of the pomp and circumstance of war; the glitter of bright buckles, the blare of the bugles, the ritual of saluting guards, and the like. But it is of modern active service marching I am thinking now; the marching Kipling writes about; no bands, no appreciative audience; mile after mile on cobbled roads, greasy and treacherous after rain, dust choked in fine weather.

Often, the men have been up all night, or have snatched an hour or two for sleep in queer cramped positions in wet draughty places, in noisome, rat infested cellars. The pain of the pack becomes intense, the straps cut into the shoulders, and always in front, behind, everywhere, the tramp, tramp, tramp, the senseless rhythm of beating feet; the heels of the men in front, little crinkles of leather and flashes of worn nails, and the dusty frayed edges of puttees; the oaths and curses, and the unforgiving cheerfulness of the strong ones. For it is on the march that the soldier's life of untiring humour is of the most priceless worth. Jests are exchanged from front to rear of

Platoons, and no peasant is passed without some quip being hurled. "Wo'cher, early nob, why ain't you in khaki?" "Wat you do in the great war Gran'pa?"

Then a song is started; perhaps, one of the songs that brings back English lanes and country roads, and those who are too weary to sing feel all the sweet pangs of nostalgia. Now and then, during a halt, little girls with pig tails and short cotton skirts come among the men with trays of sweets and little cakes, bonnie, dear sous la piece, and small brown 'madeleine's. There is a nearly always one halt on a long march which is for one man or another, the psychological time. It is when weariness threatens to get the upper hand of his will. The whistle blows, and he rises to fix his pack, grabs his rifle and falls in. That is the psychological moment of the day. For some it comes early on for some late, but it comes to all. One begins to be conscious of the monotonous beat of feet. It seems to echo in the brain. If only the sound would vary. And then the feeling passes. It is almost like getting one's second wind in a race, this overcoming of fatigue. (It is at such moments that English officers put into practice one of their kindly habits, and relieve a man of his rifle for a mile or two). Self-confidence returns, and the flashes of humour glitter here and there along the line of men. Somebody starts to sing "For Love of Annie Laurie" and it is taken up from front to rear—a wave of song rolling along, with little ripples breaking from the waves; little ripples of music hall melodies, catchwords of popular comedians, and here and there a sentimental song about a mother or a sweetheart.

To study the indomitable good spirits of the men, to realise that these are not the products of the imagination of correspondents or propagandists, one must see them on the march; watch the column crawling like some gigantic insect, down the long roads, in and out of villages. And one must listen too. If the litter and glamour have gone, if the clothes and boots are not clean yet, underneath, there is something more glorious and more

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A verdict of "Death from misadventure" was returned at the inquest at Bath recently on an eleven-year-old boy, a patient in an institution for imbecile children. The boy, who had a craving for swallowing shreds of carps and coal, had eaten a large quantity of soap, which caused his death through shock and collapse.

NOTICE.

NOTICE is hereby given that that the remainder of the 1918 Race Meeting is abandoned.
By Order,
T. F. HOUGH,
of the Course.
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Hongkong, 27th February, 1918.

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RACE WEEK.

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By Order of the Court of Directors,
N. J. STABBE,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, 23rd February, 1918.

HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Members of the HONGKONG GENERAL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE will be held on TUESDAY, 5th March, 1918, at 4 P.M., precisely, in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDINGS, for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1917.
- (2) To elect a New Committee.
- (3) To transact any General Business.

By Order,
E. A. M. WILLIAMS,
Secretary.

Hongkong, 22nd February, 1918.

THE ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS & DEALERS OF HONGKONG.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the ASSOCIATION OF EXPORTERS AND DEALERS OF HONGKONG will be held on WEDNESDAY, 6th March, 1918, at 4 P.M., precisely, in the CHAMBER OF COMMERCE BUILDINGS, for the following purposes:—

- (1) To receive the Report and Accounts of the Committee for the year ended 31st December, 1917.
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A POST-WAR PROBLEM.

Possibly it is a little premature to talk of the end of the war. There is plenty of peace talk one year and another, but whether the cessation of hostilities comes this year or two years hence, the point must not be lost sight of that we must be prepared to deal with the changed conditions that will follow. There will be more problems when that time comes than we can possibly dream of, but there are some which we know now will want immediate attention, and it is well we should be fully armed to grapple with them. To only mention three, there is demobilisation, the resumption of normal trade, and the thorny question of Capital and Labour. These are quite formidable, but there are many lesser ones which will require almost equal time and trouble to solve. Dr. Addison, the Minister of Reconstruction, has his hands full to cope with them, and none will present a more serious difficulty, requiring tact and judgement in a high degree, than that concerning industry, which during the war has been so revolutionised that it will scarcely know where it is when peace is declared.

It is perfectly clear that when our armies in the field are withdrawn, the Government is not going to relinquish its hold on industry. Indeed, no other course is open than that a certain measure of control should be retained if its finger is to be kept on the centre of the reconstruction question. That this is very necessary no one will disagree, for out of this will arise the problem of the labour which will be released from the Army. This will need to be skilfully directed into proper channels, but the work would be rendered very much more difficult if industry were not organised. One must realise at once that the circumstances will not allow of a falling back into pre-war conditions for a considerable period after peace is signed. Too many questions are involved for that. If all we hear is put into practice, the Empire is going to organise a better trade system than has obtained hitherto. Our mutilated shipping has to be repaired and our factories will demand the provision of certain essential raw material. All this will take time, and the Government will be fully engaged in settling questions that will assail it on all sides. The men who are disbanded from the Army will want to get back to their peace-time occupations without waiting any time, and here arises a big problem. While the war has been in progress, labour has been recruited from the ranks of women. When their services were required they came forward nobly and carried on in men's positions. Without them England would not have been able to do what she has. We can be sure that after the way in which the women stepped into the breach they are not going to be pushed out altogether when the men return from the trenches. They are going to argue—and they have a very strong case—that when the country was in a hole they did not hang back but gave their services in a trying time when the Government was faced with two most serious problems—man-power and labour for munition works and other trades from which men had been taken to swell the new army. They have demonstrated in a thousand and one ways their value, and so it stands to reason they are not going to be just thanked and told that as the men are back their services are no longer required. The sweets of independence have been tasted to the full by the women of England, and they are not likely to submit quietly to any force which seeks to thrust them back into their former role. Even those who occupied very subsidiary positions before the war would strongly protest against that.

To-day women have a totally different outlook on life. They have been in receipt of higher wages and have worked under better conditions, and it will be found that very many of them will not be willing to give up their lucrative billets to go back to the box and shirt factories on their old starvation pay. This is only one of the questions which will puzzle the Government. It is not one which can be dismissed by a mere wave of the hand, as our parliamentarians will learn to their cost if they try it, but it is a question which rather seems to be in danger of being lost sight of. It is well therefore that we should be prepared to meet such questions as these and the other issues which will crop up. We hope when the day comes on which the last shot is fired, the ground will have been prepared, and that the Government will be ready to meet all such difficulties.

The American Red Cross.

Up to the present, American citizens in Hongkong have not been distinctively associated with any large venture on behalf of war efforts, chiefly because the community here is not a very large one and also by reason of the fact that the opportunities for special activity have not been many. All the same, it would be doing local Americans a grave injustice to suggest that they have not been heart and soul in the war. We should say that in no part of the world have American citizens been so keenly in sympathy with the Allies' ideals, from the very commencement of the war, as they have been here. They have shown their feelings by liberal subscriptions to war funds, too, while we all know that an American ladies' working party has laboured splendidly for some months now. The time was bound to come, however, when a distinctive American organisation would be set up, and we therefore welcome most heartily the formation of a local Chapter of the American Red Cross. The world knows what a grand work the parent organisation has done, and now that local citizens of the United States are banded together we have no doubt that the cause will be very materially helped forward. Later on we should like to see a special "American Day" in Hongkong organised by, and in aid of, the local U. S. Red Cross movement.

The War's Duration.

Since the day when war broke out there have been innumerable prophecies as to its probable duration, most of which have been falsified by the march of time. Circumstances, such as the Russian defection, have occurred which have upset all calculations, and those who even now are prone to indulge in the alluring pastime of forecasting the likely turn of events will probably find that the unexpected will continue to recur to the end of the chapter. It is, however, not without interest to note what a well-known and most shrewd American observer has to say on the question. Mr. Frank H. Simonds, who is a close student of the war, recently expressed his opinions on the subject in the *American Review of Reviews*. He begins by showing how long it took—and necessarily so—for Britain to strike with any degree of power on the battlefield, and, proceeding to deal with America's participation, he says like the British, the United States will be at least two years in attaining the point from which a real start can be made. These words were written some four and a half months ago. In the present year, Mr. Simonds reckons, America will be able to employ numbers approximating those of Britain in the first year of the war, "but far less trained." In 1919, however, if the war goes so far, America can hope, he thinks, to fight her Somme.

Next Year's Possibilities.

In another part of his most interesting article, Mr. Simonds is at pains to point out that in the early days of the war, through the Marne and the Verdun campaigns, France bore the great burden of the war in the West, for not until the Somme did the British begin to be effective on the offensive. But since 1917, after the end of the French campaign on the Aisne, the British have borne the burden, and are now doing what the French did at the Marne and Verdun. So it comes about, in the writer's opinion, that the duel in the West has become a duel between Britain and Germany. This situation, he thinks, will endure during 1918, for the American forces, preparations as they will be, will hardly do as much as Sir John French's exiguous forces did in 1915. Next year, however, should see the United States ready to take over a very considerable portion of the burden of attack. "British numbers then," says Mr. Simonds, "like French numbers now," will begin to fail. Alone of all the nations fighting, our man-power will still be increasing, still unscathed, and it may well fall to us to strike the final blow." The opinions here expressed are certainly most arresting, even though they do not hold out much hope of an early termination of the conflict.

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To-morrow's Anniversary.
Monday is the anniversary of the sinking of the German submarine U-8 off Dover in 1915.

The Dollar.
The opening rate of the dollar on demand to-day was 2s. 11.7/8d.

Unlawful Possession.
Before Mr. J. R. Wood this morning an old woman was charged with the unlawful possession of four bottles of pepper berries valued at \$2. Defendant pleaded not guilty, and said she got the pepper berries among sweepings on board the s.s. Wa Sang where she worked as a seamstress. Inspector Macdonald who attended to this case said the berries were clean. His Worship remanded the case for further enquiries fixing bail at \$10.

Alleged Embezzlement.
Before Mr. A. Dyer Ball this morning an accountant of a Chinese firm was charged with alleged embezzlement. Mr. B. C. Faithful appeared for the plaintiff. Defendant, it was stated, had made two false entries in the firm's books for \$25. The first sum was ostensibly for payment of rent and the second as cash drawn to the rent collector for the year's service. The case was adjourned until Tuesday, the 5th of March for further evidence, bail being fixed at \$250.

Harbouring Meningitis Patient.
A Chinese was charged before Mr. Dyer Ball this morning with having harboured a patient suffering from cerebro-spinal meningitis in his home, and not having intimated the case to the Medical Officer of Health, nor having the body removed to a hospital for treatment. The patient was the defendant's nephew. The patient had been under many Chinese doctors for treatment, and was informed that he was suffering from a bad cold, but would recover soon. Mr. Dyer Ball adjourned the case for further enquiries.

Parcels to Netherlands-India and European Countries.
It is notified in the *Government Gazette* of yesterday's date that the rate of postage on parcels to Netherlands-India will be \$1.15 for each parcel irrespective of weight up to 11lb. It is also notified that parcels may be sent via Canada to France (including Monaco) at the cost of \$1.30, \$2.20, \$3.05, for parcels not exceeding 3lb. 7lb. and 11lb. respectively; to Algeria, Corsica, Portugal, Azores and Madeira, \$1.50, \$2.40, \$3.30; to Italy and Spain (including Canary Islands) \$1.00, \$2.50, \$3.40; and to the Balearic Isles \$1.75, \$2.65, and \$3.55.

Ordinances not Disallowed.
The *Government Gazette* of yesterday contains the following:—His Majesty the King has not been advised to exercise his power of disallowance with respect to the following ordinance:—Ordinance No. 22 of 1917—An Ordinance to facilitate legal proceedings against enemies in certain cases; Ordinance No. 24 of 1917—An Ordinance to amend the Liquor Consolidation Ordinance, 1911; Ordinance No. 16 of 1917—An Ordinance to apply a sum not exceeding eight million three hundred and sixty-eight thousand nine hundred and ten dollars to the public service of the year 1918.

ST. JOHN AMBULANCE BRIGADE.

Orders issued to-day by Mr. E. Rulph, District Supt. state:—

No. 4 V.A.D.
"A" SECTION.

Thursday, March 7th.—1.20 p.m. Bandaging Practice.

Friday, March 8th.—4.20 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

"B" SECTION.

Monday, March 4th.—4.20 p.m. First Aid Class.

Tuesday, March 5th.—1.20 p.m. Squad Drill.

Thursday, March 7th.—4.20 p.m. Bandaging Practice.

Friday, March 8th.—1.20 p.m. Squad Drill.

No. 5 V.A.D.
Friday, March 8th.—5.15 p.m. Squad and Stretcher Drill.

HONGKONG DEFENCE CORPS.

Administrative orders issued yesterday by Major H. A. Morgan, Administrative Commandant state:—

Strength.

"Pte. T. P. Lindsay Woods was enrolled on 21.2.18 and posted to "A" Company, No. 2 Platoon. Spr. B. Lillie, Engineer Company, is permitted to resign, on leaving the Colony, dated 26th February 1918.

Attached.
Pte. R. M. Silva, "A" Company, No. 3 Platoon, is attached to the Engineer Company, from 25th February 1918.

Leave.
Pte. J. F. Miller, "B" Company, is granted 6 months' leave, from 22.5.18.

Pte. G. T. M. Edkins, "B" Company, is granted 6 months' leave, from 9.3.18.

Pte. J. Duncan, "A" Company, is granted 9 months' leave, from 27.3.18.

Equipment Board.

The Board will sit at Headquarters from 5.30 p.m. to 6 p.m. on the following dates:—Tuesday, 5th March; Friday, 15th March; Tuesday, 26th March.

Lecture.

At Headquarters, Friday, 8th March, at 6 p.m. Subject, Map Reading and Field Sketching.

Communication Drill.

At Headquarters on Tuesday, 5th March, at 6 p.m. Officers and N.C.O.s of "A" and "B" Companies will attend. Other Officers and N.C.O.s may attend if they so desire. Platoon Drill will be practised.

Annual Musketry Course.

The following is the result of Classification Practices of No. 2 Platoon at King's Park Range:—

Number exercised 34, Marksmen 0, 1st Class shots 9, 2nd Class shots 17, 3rd Class shots 8.

The averages were:—

Practice 13 13.00

" 14 15.44

" 15 10.09

" 16 15.15

" 17 10.47

" 18 7.76

" 19 5.12

Company average 77.03

Artillery Orders.

Orders for Artillery Company by Captain J. E. W. Armstrong, V.D. state:—

Parades.

Monday, 4th March.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Company, T. E. T. at King's Park Range.

Tuesday, 5th March.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Company, Nos. 1 and 2 Squads only, at Kennedy Road Range, T. E. T. (Grouping). 5 p.m. Left Half Company as detailed, at Kennedy Road Range, T. E. T. (Grouping).

Friday, 8th March.—7.30 a.m. Right Half Company, Nos. 2 and 4 Squads only, at Kennedy Road Range, T. E. T. (Grouping). 5 p.m. Left Half Company as detailed, at Kennedy Road Range, T. E. T. (Grouping).

Sunday, 10th March.—8.30 a.m. Right Half Company, Kowloon residents, at King's Park Range, Kowloon, Annual Musketry Course. 9 a.m. Right Half Company Hongkong residents, at King's Park Range, Kowloon, Annual Musketry Course.

8.30 a.m. Left Half Company, Quarry Bay residents, at Quarry Bay Range, Annual Musketry Course. 9 a.m. Left Half Company, Hongkong residents, at Quarry Bay Range, Annual Musketry Course.

Engineer Orders.

Orders for Engineer Company by Captain W. Russell state:—

Monday, 4th March.—1.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Squads, Kennedy Road Range. 5.30 p.m. Band Practice at Headquarters.

Wednesday, 6th March.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 3 and 4 Squads at Quarry Bay Range. 5.30 p.m. Band Practice at Headquarters.

Friday, 8th March.—5.15 p.m. Musketry Instruction on Quarry Bay Range, for men not detailed to fire at King's Park Range as above.

Cadet Orders.

Orders for Cadet Company by 2nd Lieut. J. E. W. Armstrong state:—

Monday, 4th March.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 1 and 2 Sections, Kennedy Road Range. 5.30 p.m. Band Practice at Headquarters.

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Infantry Parades.

Orders for Infantry Battalion by Major H. A. Morgan state:—

"A" Company.

Tuesday, 5th March.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 1, 2, 3, and 4 Platoons on Cricket Ground, Platoon Drill, Dress, Drill order.

"B" Company.

Monday, 4th March.—5.15 p.m. No. 8 Platoon, at Kowloon Docks, Platoon Drill.

Tuesday, 5th March.—4.45 p.m. At King's Park Range. Men over 50 years of age who have to fire the special Musketry Course. Dress, Drill order with pouches. Practices 1, 2, and 3 will be fired.

Wednesday, 6th March.—5.30 p.m. No. 7 Platoon on Polo Ground. Hongkong residents will parade at Cricket Club at 5.10 p.m. and proceed by tram to Causeway Bay.

Thursday, 7th March.—4.45 p.m. At King's Park Range. Men over 50 years of age who have to fire the special Musketry Course. Dress, Drill order with pouches. Practices 1, 2 and 3 will be fired.

Friday, 8th March.—5.15 p.m. Nos. 5 and 6 Platoons, on Cricket Ground, Platoon Drill, Dress, Drill order.

Machine Gun Company.

Dress for all parades, Clean Fatigue with putties.

Monday, 4th March.—5.10 p.m. Drill at Kowloon Docks, Nos. 1 and 2 guns only. Hongkong residents proceed by launch from Queen's Statue Pier at 4.30 p.m.

Wednesday, 6th March.—5.10 p.m. Drill at Headquarters, Nos. 3, 4 and 5 guns only. Thursday, 7th March.—5.10 p.m. Drill at Headquarters. The following men only need attend:—Ptes. Field, Irvine, Labrum, Logan, McKenna, Pingat and Stapleton. Friday, 8th March.—5.15 p.m. N.C.O.s at Headquarters.

Mounted Section.

Monday, 4th March.—5.15 p.m. At Jockey Club Stable, Dress, Drill order without rifle.

Thursday, 21st instant.—5.15 p.m. At Jockey Club Stable, Dress, Drill order without rifle.

Signalling Section.

Monday, 4th March.—4.45 p.m. Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 1 and 2 at King's Park Range. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

Wednesday, 6th March.—4.45 p.m. Annual Musketry Course, Part 1, Practices 3 and 4, at King's Park Range. Dress, as above.

Friday, 8th March.—4.45 p.m. Annual Musketry Course, Part 2, Practices 5, 6, 7 and 12, at King's Park Range. Dress, as above.

Stretcher Bearer Section.

Tuesday, 5th March.—5.15 p.m. Parade at Headquarters.

Recruits.

Monday, 4th March, and Friday, 8th March.—5.15 p.m. All units, except "D" Company on Murray Parade Ground, under Sergeants Edmonds and Meade. Dress, Drill order.

"D" Company.

Tuesday, 5th and Thursday, 7th March.—4.45 p.m. Annual Musketry Course (T.W.B.), Practices 1, 2 and 3, at King's Park Range, for men as detailed by O.U. Company. Dress, Drill order with pouches.

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HONGKONG TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

(Compiled from the "Hongkong Telegraph" files for the week ending March 6, 1893.)

The Dollar.
March 1.—The rate of the dollar on demand today is 2/8½.
Alsace and Lorraine.
March 2.—In the Reichstag Count von Oetprivi stated that he would be willing to submit special disputes to international arbitration, but will shed the last drop of blood rather than that Alsace and Lorraine should be restored.

An Outrage.
March 3.—A Chinese paper reports a case which occurred recently of a man carrying his own son alive, because he had joined a band of desperate characters at Obefoo. The reason given for this crime was the fear lest the son should ruin his whole family by his misdeeds. "Neither the panther nor the tiger, wild and savage beasts that they are," says the writer of the paragraph, "eat or kill their own whelps, and why should a man possessed of knowledge and sense of right and wrong do that which even the beasts of the field never do?" Of course, comments the Shanghai Mercury, soon being the exclusive property of his progenitor the authorities have taken no notice of the matter, so a murder has been committed and none can say the father "nay."

Fraser Smith and the Jockey Club.

March 3.—Robert Fraser-Smith applied for a injunction against the Hon. Thomas Henderson Whitefield and others, Stewards of the Hongkong Jockey Club, to restrain them from interfering with his rights and privileges as a member of that Club. Mr. E. Robinson, instructed by Mr. H. J. Holmes, appeared for the plaintiff, and Mr. J. J. Francis, Q.C., and Mr. H. E. Pollock, instructed by Mr. G. O. C. Master (Johnson, Stokes and Master), were for the defendant. The plaintiff won his case with costs.

"Odd Volumes" Society.

March 3.—The first meeting of the newly revived Scientific, Literary, and Debating Society, under the name of the Hongkong "Odd Volumes," was held last night. Dr. Castille presided, and there was a large and influential attendance; numbering over fifty leading residents.

Readers' Appetites.

March 4.—To any of our readers whose appetites are out of gear and require tempting, we can strongly recommend the smoked sausages, for samples of which we are indebted to Mr. O. M. Anderson, of No. 23, Lee Yuen Street East.

The Volunteer Force.

March 6.—At the meeting of the Hongkong Legislative Council on Wednesday, 8th March, at 3 p.m., the following will be the business:—Third reading of the Bill entitled An Ordinance to provide for the establishment of a Volunteer Force and to empower the Governor to raise a special force of Coast Defence Volunteers in the event of anticipated war.

CANTON AMERICAN RED CROSS CHAPTER.

We have received the following from the secretary of the Canton American Red Cross Society:—A chapter of the American Red Cross Society was formed here on February 19, 1918, through the efforts of Mr. and Mrs. Frank N. Doubleday, who were at that time visiting Canton in the interests of the Red Cross Society. The officers of the chapter are: Mr. F. S. Hein, Chairman, American Consul-General, Canton; Mrs. F. A. J. J. Vice-Chairman; Mr. S. E. Brown, Treasurer, and Mr. V. A. Sherris, Secretary. Other members of the executive are: Mr. R. E. Chambers, Rev. H. O. T. Parkwall, Rev. J. W. Creighton, Mrs. A. A. Fulton, Mrs. V. J. Greene, Rev. E. H. Lockwood, Mr. H. J. Morse and Mr. O. E. Emery.

SMUGGLING FOOD.

German Ruses to get Supplies.

The Swiss Government has just handed over six additional motor-boats to the Customs officials whose difficult and dangerous work it is to hunt down the German smugglers upon Lake Constance. Smuggling along the Swiss frontier has never reached very alarming proportions, and thanks to the severe measures to cope with it in force it is now on the decline. Just at the Swiss inland centres the police regard every German as a likely spy, so at the frontier the Swiss Customs authorities take for granted the home-going German is a smuggler.

A great deal of ingenuity is displayed in the attempts made to deceive the Customs officials. Few German musicians returning home from the brilliant violinist down to the man who plays the trombone, can resist the temptation to conceal foodstuffs in their instruments. The case of the Munich Court Orchestra is classic in this respect. The orchestra, which counts over 90 members, jauntily presented itself at the frontier after a triumphant tour through Switzerland, in the belief the Customs examination would be a mere formality. The officials thought otherwise; with the result that in the recesses of the instruments and in the luggage 210 pounds of sausages, 98 pounds of lard, 9 "sides" of bacon, 3 hams, some tea, some butter, and a large quantity of eggs were discovered. The food, in spite of pleadings, arguments, and menace, was promptly confiscated.

The suspicion has reached a certainty that the German diplomatic agents smuggle foodstuffs across the frontier to friends or families in the Fatherland; but international custom forbids the examination by the Customs officials of the diplomatic valises. The smuggling carried on by authorized German agents constitutes a more serious affair, alike for the Allies, less than ever disinclined to see the blockade weapon blunted, and for the Swiss, whose food situation is sufficiently critical at present. The rationing regulations and the restrictions concerning the sale and accumulation of food has happily led to a diminution in the smuggling conducted under German official auspices. The lines on which the official contraband organizers worked before the introduction of the regulations in question were extremely simple. German agents, mainly commercial travellers who know Switzerland well, travelled through the country from Basle to Lugano, from St. Gall to Geneva, buying all the foodstuffs and raw materials possible at fancy prices, and forwarding them, when bought, to storage depots at Berne or Zurich.

The stocks thus accumulated were kept at the depots until a suitable opportunity arose of rushing them across the frontier in high-speed motor-cars or, if the Lake of Constance were selected as the spot for the transfer, in motor-boats.

At present smuggling is practically confined to Lake Constance. The Swiss shore of the lake, in parts extremely desolate, is difficult to patrol; and at an appointed spot at an appointed hour the transfer of the smuggled goods from motor-car to waiting motor-boat may be effected without much fear of detection. The German crews who man these boats are picked men belonging to the navy. Exciting night chases frequently occur on the lake. Sometimes the pursuing Swiss boat overtakes the scurrying smugglers, when there is a rather muted by gaffal (German) vice, struggle, capture, seizure of contraband; or sometimes the pursuer is completely outdistanced. When the escaped boat makes in the direction of Friedrichshafen the Swiss officials know the smugglers are carrying a freight for the great ship factory which Count Zeppelin established there.—Daily News.

HARBOUR FIRE.

Japanese Ship has to be Flooded.

At about half past eight this morning was heard the long distress blast of a ship in the harbour, and it was then discovered that fire had broken out on board the s.s. Komakata Maru, a Japanese ship of about 2,000 tons. The vessel was lying at a buoy near the Kowloon side, and large volumes of smoke were seen to be pouring out of the fore part of the ship. The Naval tug "Cherub", with Commander Myburg on board, the No. 2 Fire Float with a number of regular and Volunteer firemen, under Sergeant Cockle, Inspector Gordon of the Water Police, and the hand pump of the naval authorities were soon alongside when it was found that the two fore holds, fully loaded with cotton and hemp were alight. The ship had already developed a severe list, owing to the quantities of water that were being pumped into the holds by the steamer's own engines. The hatches had been first of all taken off, but it was deemed better to replace these and try to suffocate the fire, as well as to flood the holds. So serious did the list to starboard become that it was decided to move the ship to shallow water, for there was a danger of her capsizing. Under her own steam, and assisted by the "Cherub" the boat was moved to the shallows off the western end of the Yau-mai Typhoon Refuge, touching bottom and going firmly aground.

It appeared that the fire had got a good hold, and there was nothing for it but to continue pumping until such time as the holds were completely flooded. When a representative of the Hongkong Telegraph left the vessel at about ten o'clock streams of water were being put in. There was not a great deal of smoke being given off, but it will probably be some time before the fire is definitely extinguished. It should be mentioned that a party of Russians from a ship in the harbour and men from the Tamar rendered assistance as soon as possible.

The vessel only arrived in Hongkong yesterday, the agent being Mr. H. M. H. Nemesse. Cargo was being worked at the time of the outbreak, but the cause is at present unknown.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE THIRTY-SECOND MEETING of the Members of the Hongkong Club will be held in the Club House, on MONDAY, the 18th March, 1918, at 5.30 P.M.

By Order,

E. DES VCEUX, Hongkong, 2nd March, 1918.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

From SHANGHAI KOBE and MOJI.

THE Steamship "GREGORY APCAR."

having arrived from the above Ports. Consignees of Cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves delivery may be obtained.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 8th instant will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected.

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TECHNICAL INSTITUTE.

THE Institute will re-open on MONDAY, the 4th March. Students should attend at Queen's College at 6 P.M. on that date, for enrolment. Hongkong, 2nd March, 1918.

NATIONAL LOAN OF THE THIRD YEAR OF THE REPUBLIC (1914.)

SUBSCRIBERS to the above loan are hereby notified that redemption of the bonds drawn on 26th February last will begin on 1st March, 1918.

Payment in each or its equivalent will be made at the Bank of China and Bank of Communications or any of the branches of the above Banks and also at the Shanghai office of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation.

Any bond of which the following are the two terminal numbers, namely, 08, 14, 23, 35, 47, 51, 53, 67, 77, 86, 00, is a drawn bond.

F. A. AGLEN,

Inspector General of Customs.

TO-DAY'S ADVERTISEMENT.

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PARTICULARS AND CONDITIONS of the letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on Monday, the 4th day of March, 1918, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land above Bowen Road, in the Colony of Hongkong for a term of 21 years.

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Norway's Shipping Losses. London, Feb. 16.—The number of Norwegian merchantmen sunk by Germany since the outbreak of the war until January 31st is 417, representing over 1,000,000 tons. Eight hundred and eighty-three men were drowned. This does not include 53 Norwegian vessels reported as "missing" with crews exceeding 700 men. Probably two-thirds of these have been victims of war operations. Fire on a Pacific Ocean Steamer. The Daini Unkai Maru (2,730 tons), owned by the Uchida Kaisha Kaisha, arrived at Yokohama recently. The Captain reported that after the ship's departure from San Francisco, a fire broke out in the second hold on the 2nd at 3 p.m. The fire continued for seven days, but was extinguished shortly before the vessel's arrival at Yokohama. The damage is estimated to amount to ¥10,000.

Safe Navigation of the Thames. The Bridge House Estates Committee of the City Corporation recently proposed to discontinue with the Tower Bridge signal station on Cherry Garden Pier which was established, among other objects, to receive and transmit intimations from upward-bound vessels in order that the bascules might be raised in sufficient time to admit of their passage. The Port of London Authority, on being invited to amend the river by laws accordingly, has come to the conclusion that the maintenance of the signal station is necessary for the safety of navigation, and has received a similar expression of opinion from Trinity House, the London, Short Sea Traders' Association, and the Association of Public Wharfingers. In these circumstances the Port Authority has asked the Bridge House Estates Committee to reconsider its proposal.

Disappearance of a Ship's Cargo. Judgement was given on the 14th instant in the Kobe (Kihio) Babansho by Oka and two associated judges, says the "Japan Chronicle," in the case against Nishio Tatsusaburo and Amio Fusakichi, who were charged with the unlawful appropriation of a ship's cargo. Nishio was sentenced to five years' penal servitude and Amio to four years. The prosecution of the men arose out of the disappearance of a shipment of wool, valued at £25,000, which had been loaded at Tientsin for transshipment at Kobe and was consigned to America by Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co. A complaint lodged by the foreign firm led to the arrest of the accused and the discovery that other cargo belonging to other consignees was also missing. Nishio was shown to have chartered a steamer for the transport of goods between Tientsin and Japan and finding himself involved in a charge for demurrage which he was unable to meet, he pledged the cargo in order to raise funds to meet his obligation. Amio, the other accused, was in the employ of Nishio, and acted as his manager in the affair.

Shipbuilding in America. Seattle, January 20th.—In launching three ships yesterday, the gigantic Seattle shipbuilding industry established a record for the first nineteen days of January that eclipses by an even 6,800 deadweight tons the same industry's entire record for the year 1916. Including the ships launched yesterday, Seattle has launched five ocean-going freighters aggregating 364,000 deadweight tons in cargo capacity since the first of the year. In all of 1916 Seattle launched four ocean-going vessels with a deadweight capacity of 2,600 tons. Thus the Seattle industry is doing more for the nation now in less than three weeks than it was able to do in all the twelve months of 1916, a comparison that explains why this port is now setting the pace for the shipbuilding industry of the entire United States. Seattle gave three ocean leviathans to the waves yesterday in the space of thirty minutes. The Seattle Construction & Dry Dock Company launched the 7,500-ton steel steamship Sutherland at 9 o'clock in the morning. At 9:30, the Skinner & Eddy plant launched the 8,800-ton steel steamship West Arrow. At the same time, the Port Sound Bridge & Dredging Company, constructor for the Washington Shipping Corporation, launched the 2,500-ton auxiliary powered wooden schooner "West Arrow." The Sutherland and the West Arrow are commandeered by the United States Government.

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